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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1907.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Mr. O'Malley presented a Petition from retail confectioners of Queenstown, Tasmania, praying that the former duties on confectionery may be reverted to, or that a maximum duty of 2d. per lb. be levied on all confectionery.

Mr. Coon presented a Petition from workers employed in manufacturing confectionery in Victoria, praying that the duty on imported confectionery as proposed by the Government be maintained.

Mr. Coon presented a Petition from boot operatives in the Batman electorate, praying that the House will retain the present duty of 35 per cent. on boots and shoes.

Petitions severally received and read.

3. Ways and Means.—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McDonald reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to ask, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved-That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

- 4. Papers.—Sir William Lyne presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
 Audit Acts—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial
 Year 1906-7 (dated 11th October, 1907).
 - Mr. Ewing presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament-

Defence Acts—Provisional Regulations—

Military Forces—Regulation No. 568 amended—Statutory Rules 1907, No. 104.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir William Lyne moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Livingston, Sir John Quick, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wilson.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives